

I STRONGLY URGE you not to further relax ownership rules. I used to complain that "public interest" broadcasting was at inconvenient hours, e.g., 1 a.m. Now I complain because there is virtually no public interest programming and even major networks air paid "informercials" (a word which did not exist only a few years ago) in the middle of the day and during prime hours! Your former General Counsel, Bruce Fein, says that it doesn't matter how many owners you have as long as all views are represented. All views are not currently represented, however, and more concentrated ownership is not going to change that! (Example of "all views" not represented: during 2000 election not only did the TV networks "freeze out" Ralph Nader himself (no, I did not support him), but they also failed to air the views expressed by him. Were those views unworthy of airtime??? Example #2: during Iraq War I had to find foreign cable news reporting to get any idea of what the foreign press was reporting OR even to hear any view other than the Administration's view.) A TV license may be a license to get rich but it should not be a license to subvert the public's right to know!